(d) if so, the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and laid on the table of the House.

Constitution of National Judicial Commission

2352. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to bring forward a legislation in the next Session of Parliament to set up a National Judicial Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the functions and duties of the proposed Commission;

(c) whether due consultations have been held with various State Governments, political parties, the law courts, the Bar Councils and the legal community; and

(d) if so, their reaction to the proposed bill and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) One of the items of the National Agenda for Governance is to set up a National Judicial Commission (NJC) to make recommendations for judicial appointments in the Supreme Court and the High Courts and draw up a Code of Ethics. The Government is committed to the ideas of setting up the Commission to deal with these matters.

There is a broader national consensus which is emerging about the setting up of the National Judicial Commission. However, there are some areas which have to be discussed for arriving at a broader consensus, particularly with regard to its composition. The National Commission to review the working of the Constitution is conducting a debate all over the country.